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TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: MASS, TH

SUBJ: SECDEF COMMENT ON ASSISTANCE LEVELS

REF : BANGKOK 5168

1. ACCORDING TO DOD TRANSCRIPT, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENT IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION AFTER A SPEECH HE DELIVERED TO A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE CIVIC/ MILITARY ASSOCIATION IN SAN ANTONIO, MARCH 30 ( THE QUESTION ITSELF WAS NOT TRANSCRIBED):

A..... QUOTE: THERE IS, I THINK, VERY LITTLE CHANCE THAT CONGRESS WILL PASS THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THIS YEAR; THAT MEANS THAT WE ARE ALREADY LIMPING ALONG AT INADEQUATE MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND MILITARY SALES LEVELS. THIS IS INTERFERING WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NIXON DOCTRINE IN A NUMBER OF PLACES, PARTICULARLY SOUTH KOREA, THAILAND AND TURKEY. THOSE WOULD BE AMONG THE COUNTRIES RECEIVING CONTINUING GRANT ASSISTANCE IN FISCAL 1974, TOGETHER WITH A FEW OTHER COUNTRIES AT RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNTS INCLUDING FOR EXAMPLE, SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN

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COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE.

2. NO OTHER REFERENCES TO THAILAND WERE RECORDED. RUSH

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